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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/774,723

Filed: February 1, 2001

For: POLISHING PAD SURFACE CONDITION EVALUATION METHOD AND AN
APPARATUS THEREOF AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING A
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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March 28, 2001

Sir:

Responsive to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed March 12, 2001,
Applicants submit herewith the executed Declaration and Power
of Attorney, along with the required surcharge as set forth in
37 CFR 1.16(e).

Our check in the amount of \$130.00 is attached.

As required, a copy of the NOTICE of March 12, 2001 is
enclosed herewith.

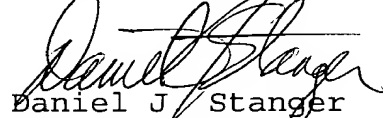
Applicants also submit herewith twelve (12) sheets of
formal drawings (Figs. 1-20), and request that they be
substituted for the drawings now in the application. No
changes have been made to the drawings.

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Please charge any additional fees which may be required,
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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);
 - more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.) (see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));

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